

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application.

Claims 1, 5-8 and 12-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 14 are independent. Claims 1 and 5-8 have been amended. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 14, and claims 5-8 have been amended to reflect minor informalities. Claims 2-4 and 9-11 have also been cancelled. No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the indication of the Examiner for allowing claims 14-20. In light of this indication, claim 1 has been amended to include subject matter similar to that as recited in independent claim 14 except claim 1 does not include a slip preventing part provided on a bottom surface of the base body. However, it is respectfully submitted independent claim 1 is still allowable at least because Martin, Rees And Saperstein et al. do not teach or suggest the combination of the stopper base, leg stopper and leg as recited in independent claim 1. Thus, independent claim 1 and the claims depending therefrom are also allowable.

Information Disclosure Statement

On September 24, 2007, as requested by the Examiner, Applicants submitted copies of JP-02-72298-A, KR-2000-20040-A and JP-55-13540-U together with a Letter and copy of the PTO SB08 filed with the Information Disclosure Statement of February 10, 2006. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that an initialed PTO SB08 be returned to the Applicants.

Cited References

Reply to the Office Action dated November 6, 2007

Since the remaining references cited by the Examiner except the discussed applied art have not been relied on to reject the claims, but have merely been cited to show the state of the art, no comment need be made with respect thereto.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks and amendments, the application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact James T. Eller, Jr. Reg. No. 39,538 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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